

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: **Method and System for Providing
Document Retention Using
Cryptography**

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Reply to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In advance of subsequent examination and in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 2, 2010, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-12 and 29-45. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made without traverse.

Applicant, however, does not agree with the characterization of Group II, represented by claims 13-28 and 46 as being “drawn toward a method for restricting access to an electronic document by using a document key to encrypt the data portion and using the retention access key to control access to the document key.” (Restriction Requirement, page 2, paragraph 1). Claims 20-28 are drawn toward methods “for accessing a secured electronic document by a requestor, the secured electronic document having at least a header portion and a data portion.” (Claim 20, as filed).

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.